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¶1. (C) Emboffs delivered reftel points to Gufran Al-Nadaf, Deputy Director for the Gulf Section, and Ulf Samuelsson, Iran Desk Officer, at the Swedish MFA on January 14. Al-Nadaf thanked us for the information and said that Sweden, along with the EU, had released numerous statements on the human rights situation in Iran in recent months. Al-Nadaf highlighted, in particular, the EU statement from December 1 calling for the release of Kian Tajbakhsh. Al-Nadaf also said that the Swedes raised the issue of the three American hikers with the Iranian Ambassador in Sweden and called for their release. Both Al-Nadaf and Samuelsson emphasized their continuing concern about all of these cases.

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